



Dear Parents & Carers,

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you as parents and carers for your involvement in your children's' learning. The last Class Celebrations, just before half term, were really well-attended. The vast majority of you came to look, read, listen and celebrate your child's learning. Having a purpose for writing, for example, definitely adds an incentive for children. I was discussing this with Mr Spiers today- he noted that Elm class put extra effort into their Roman writing, knowing that it would be potentially read by you all! Do please come along to our next Celebrations- dates at the end of this newsletter.

A less exciting matter to draw your attention to is waste management...

From April, all Hampshire schools will have to separate their food waste from their recycling and dry waste. This will mean our children looking even more carefully at the waste that they put in each bin. Also, if your child has a packed lunch, they will no longer be putting their wrappers & food waste into a bin in the hall, rather they will be taking this home in their lunchbox- the advantage for you is that you can see how much of their lunch they are eating- and the advantage for us is that we will only have food waste in our hall bin.

Lastly, you may have noticed that we seem to have a LOT of litter on the school site at present. Hawthorn Class did great work last week, when they did an impromptu litter-pick. However, on Friday 4th April, we are going to hold a big litter-pick in school. We would love some parent/carer volunteers to help us- after school drop-off on Friday morning- please come to the office. Tea and coffee will be provided!

Many thanks for all your support!

Jim Cascarini – Headteacher

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Vision Awards

Congratulations to all our children who received a Vision Award this week...	Love	Courage	Trust
<i>Oak</i>		Penny G	
<i>Willow</i>	Luna F		
<i>Sycamore</i>		Anna P	
<i>Maple</i>	Evie H		
<i>Hazel</i>			Izzy R
<i>Lime</i>		Jax P	
<i>Chestnut</i>	Olivia–Grace B		
<i>Elm</i>		Addilyn S	
<i>Ash</i>	Leia S		
<i>Beech</i>			Alfie S
<i>Pine</i>		Rodney Z	
<i>Hawthorn</i>			Harley G
<i>Aspen</i>		Isabelle C	
<i>Juniper</i>		Cody S	

What we have been learning this week...

Willow & Oak

We had a fabulous last week with the chicks. We got to hold them and watch them grow very quickly. We were sad to see them go but at least they can go home to their farm and run around with their other chicken friends now. If you would like to understand more about them here is a link to their website. [Www.livingeggs.co.uk](http://www.livingeggs.co.uk). Other than that we have been talking about Mother's Day and we read a lovely book called mothers and others day. We started the traditional tale Goldilocks and the three bears. In PE we learnt some ball skills and used the scooters and for Welly Wednesday we planted some summer bulbs in our beautiful planting area.

In phonics we were learning about plurals and in maths we learnt the names and features of some 3D shapes.

One more week to go before we break up for Easter!! You've all worked so hard!! Well done Year R!

Mrs CK, Mr Edgington and Mrs Treasure

Sycamore & Maple

This week in English, we started off by writing a recount of our school trip. The children were very excited to see photographs from the day and wrote some brilliant sentences about their day. In Maths, we have looked at the mass of different objects. The children have enjoyed using cubes to work out the mass of different objects. In Science we were looking at pets and how we care for them. We were very excited to see 8 chicks and a hamster! We spoke about what we needed to do with pets to care for them and keep them safe. We have used smaller balls in PE to develop our throwing and catching skills. A busy week!

Next week in PSHE we will be talking about emergency phone calls. It would be very helpful if you could speak to your child over the weekend about their address.

Miss Miners and Mrs Edgington

Lime & Hazel

This week in Year 2, we have learnt about the suffixes -er and -est in English. We designed our own flying machines and compared them using our new vocabulary! In Maths we've looked at the capacity and volume of liquids, learning how to read a variety of scales and having fun with water. We hot-seated as Neil Armstrong in History, asking questions to highlight why the moon landing was a historically significant event. We used the glockenspiels in Music to play our own 4 note melodies and discussed Jesus within multiple worldviews in RE. Across Science and PE we've been looking at health and hygiene - testing how quickly we can run distances and how we keep ourselves healthy through our individual hygiene routines. We're looking forward to our class celebrations on Monday, see you there!

Miss Samuel and Miss Lavin

Chestnut & Elm

Just like the other classes, year 3 have been completing a round of assessments. All the children have shown great resilience with these and should feel proud of their efforts.

Alongside these assessments, we've had great fun investigating reflection with mirrors and torches. The improved weather has given us a chance to see what we can get the sun's light to reflect off, and explore how light travels. We've also been learning a lot more about the Easter story in both our worship and R.E.

Mr Spiers and Miss Dewsbury

Beech & Ash

These weeks are flying by! This week in English we have learnt about different types of adverbs, fronted adverbials and how to use a possessive apostrophe for plural words. We are looking forward to see how the children apply these skills next week in their setting descriptions. In maths we've been looking at tenths and hundredths and the different ways these can be represented, on number lines, place charts and with counters. In Science we've continued to look at sound and how it is made, and undertook an interesting experiment looking at the relationship between distance and sound. We've delved deeply into the life of Jesus and how different people reacted to his teaching and how his parables and miracles can be interpreted in different ways. Looking forward to our final week of the spring term!

Miss Collier and Mrs Allison

Pine & Hawthorn

Who knew using protractors was so much fun? The children have begun a new Maths journey using protractors to identify the size of angles. They developed an understanding of how to use them and why it is so important that they are lined up as accurately as possible. We have also been journeying further with our English and writing to persuade. We have been practising our relative clauses and our subordinating clauses in order to add detail to our letters. In PSHE we investigated the structure of Parliament and what the Houses of Parliament are used for. There were plenty of very interesting questions and conversations, which would be great for the children to carry on out of school. Finally, a huge well done to all the children for powering through ALL 3 tests this week. We are both very proud of the children's effort and determination to do the best they possibly could!

Mr Childs and Mr Dookheran

Aspen & Juniper

Another week flies by and for Year 6, it has been chock-full of meaningful learning experiences.

The highlight of our week was the trip to the Army Air Museum at Wallop. The children behaved superbly, being attentive and knowledgeable, which was noted and noticed by the guides on site. They commented on the children's ability to recall and retain facts concerning World War II and how curious and respectful the children were as active listeners, whilst touring the hanger. It was interesting to imagine the airfield and hangars packed with Spitfires in 1940 and the fear and excitement that must have coursed through the pilots' veins when the call came to 'scramble' and take to the air.

We are backing this experience up with some diary writing, putting ourselves in the small cockpit and shoes of two pilots who are retelling a dramatic event (a dogfight and rescue) from each of their own perspectives. We are hoping that these will be completed in time for the parent celebration next week, so that we can champion this atmospheric written piece.

So upward and onward and *tally-ho* into the final week of our World War II theme.

Mrs Cocks, Mr Osmond and Miss Howick



RIP Scopay... hello Arbor!


This is advance notice that, at the end of this half of term, we will not be using Scopay any more. The Arbor app will be your new, one-stop-shop for payments, information on trips and clubs, permissions, your child's data, etc. **Please ensure that you are signed up to the Arbor app.**



In addition, all debts on Scopay need to be paid off by 30th March- please can you do this ASAP? Thank you.

Fun Weeks

3 girls from Year 4 wanted to create a weekly column for the newsletter- they have called it *Fun Weeks!* Here's the first week's installment...

 <p>Have fun. This will make you smile</p>	<p>Made by Emelia-M Ellie-H Freyja-H</p>	<p>Week 1 = Jokes and riddles Week 2 = puzzles Week 3 = word searches Week 4 = problem solving Week 5 = riddles Week 6 = word correcting Week 7 = fill in the word</p>
<p>Fun Weeks ☆</p>	<p>Fun weeks ☆</p>	<p>fun weeks ☆</p>
<p>ELLIE</p>	<p>FREYJA</p>	<p>EMELIA</p>
<p>Freyja's hello parents and carers my name is Freyja-h Ellie's my name is Ellie-h Emelia's my name is Emelia-m</p>	<p>What did the foot say to the huge man Bigfoot! I have two hands but I can't pick up anything A clock!</p>	
<p>have a fun week so Answer the question and count your points when you get it correct! Make sure to fill in that</p>		<p>enjoy the weeks of fun! question!</p>

FOPS events...

There are plastic eggs available from the school office for decorating (please note, due to allergies in school, real eggs are NOT to be decorated, please)



Crazy HAIR DAY

Friday 4th April

Bottle / Chocolate donations no nuts please
All donations will be used at our upcoming
FOPS event. Thank you for your support.



CRAZY HAIR IDEAS



PILGRIMS' CROSS SCHOOL

£1P/P ENTRY

Spring fair

12-4PM

SATURDAY 17TH MAY

ENTERTAINMENT
FOOD STALLS
BOUNCY CASTLES
EXTERNAL STALLS
ICE CREAM

SAVE THE DATE

Decorate an Egg Competition

- Decorate a fake egg ONLY
- 1 prize per class.
- Hand in to the school office by **Tuesday 1st April.**

Parent/carer webinars- check them out

Struggling with your children? These are BRILLIANT support sessions- do book in to some...

FACE
FAMILY FRIENDLY - COMMUNICATION - RESOURCES

Spring 2025
Newsletter

FACE delivers online support via zoom for parents across the UK
Talks are 90 minutes long, £24 each - Book Online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Schools can now buy a **FACE School Annual Membership** which means **ALL parents** and **ALL staff** get unlimited **FREE access** to **ALL 16** parent talks

Thursday 24th April 19:00 - 20:00 FREE		Responding to Angry Behaviour What can we do in the moment?
Tuesday 18th March 10:00 - 11:30 £24		Anxiety Explained Anxiety, especially in our young is rising. This session explains what it is, why it happens and how you can help.
Thursday 3rd April 10:00 - 11:30 £24		Supporting a Child with ADHD Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.
Tuesday 3rd April 19:00 - 20:30 £24		Improving Family Communication How to reduce the shouting and arguing and start the talking.

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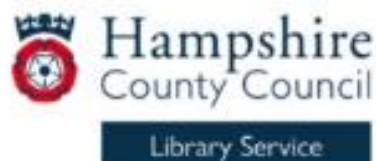
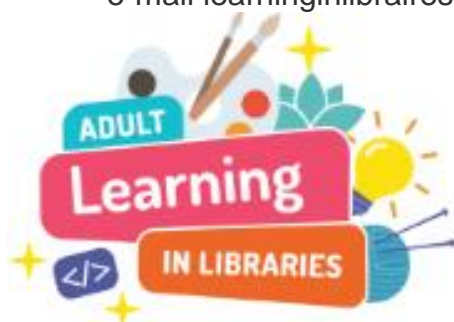
Spring Timetable

all sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long
book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Anxiety Explained	18 MAR 7pm
What is ACT?	20 Mar 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 MAR 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 MAR 7pm
Decreasing Depression	25 MAR 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	25 MAR 7pm
AUTISM: Improving Communication	2 APR 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 APR 10am
Improving Family Communication	3 APR 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	7 APR 10am
Facing Defiance	7 APR 7pm
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	8 APR 10AM
Understanding Anger	8 APR 7pm
Anxiety Explained	14 APR 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	14 APR 7pm

Parent/carer seminars

To book a course please visit our online shop: <https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/learning-in-libraries> or e-mail learninginlibraires@hants.gov.uk to be added to a course waiting list.



Free* Courses for Parents this Summer Term

Course	Location	Date	Time
Positive Parenting	Online	Tuesdays 22 April - 20 May	7:30pm - 9pm
Emergency First Aid	Alton Library	Saturday 26 April	9:45am - 4:45pm
Emergency First Aid	Tadley Library	Saturday 3 May	9:45am - 4:45pm
Emergency First Aid	Basingstoke Discovery Centre	Saturday 10 May	9:45am - 4:45pm
Raising Resilient Children	Online	Mondays 2 - 30 June	7:30pm - 9pm
Emergency First Aid	Andover Library	Wednesday 11 June	9:45am - 4:30pm
Introduction to Paediatric First Aid	Online	Tuesdays 17 June - 8 July	6:30pm - 9:15pm
Emergency Paediatric First Aid	Bridgemary Library	Friday 20 June	9:15am - 4:30pm
Emergency First Aid	Waterlooville Library	Saturday 28 June	9:45am - 4:45pm

*Free tuition, some courses may have a certification or materials fee

Free Easter activities...!



HAF Easter 2025

This Easter holiday the Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) is working in partnership with Andover Leisure Centre to provide fully funded opportunities for 11-16 years olds in receipt of benefits-related free-school meals to access the facilities. This will allow them to freely use the swimming pool, have access to the gym and receive up to 4 free meals over the Easter holidays.

16 year olds can access the gym during regular opening hours.
11-15 year olds can access Junior Gym sessions at the following times:

- Monday - Friday: 10:00-11:00am / 3.30-4.30pm / 4.30-5.30pm
- Saturday - Sunday: 10.00am - 11.00am

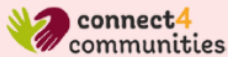
To apply, complete the form below by **30 March**. FSM eligibility and age suitability will be verified, and a voucher will be emailed to you.

This offer is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Once all spots are filled, the offer will no longer be available.



Apply for Andover Leisure Centre voucher here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/5NdEMX4dhD>



HAF Easter 2025

Bookings are now open for
Hampshire's Holiday Activities
and Food schemes!

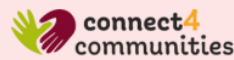
Children from Reception to Year 11 receiving benefits-related free school meals can access holiday schemes with healthy meals for free.

Scan the QR below to check if you're eligible, find HAF schemes running near you, and book your child(ren)'s place:



Family Information and Services Hub (FISH):

<https://fish.hants.gov.uk>



HAF Easter 2025



360 Degree Sports Coaching

Andover Leisure Centre (SP10 1QP)
Romsey Rapids (SO51 8AF)
Vigo Primary School (SP10 1JZ)



GCS Connect4Families

The Longmeadow Centre (SP10 5DE)
The Romsey School (SO51 8ZB)

Globe Fit

Augusta Park Community Centre (SP11 6RD)



KOOSA Kids

Portway Infant School (SP10 3PE)

North Baddesley Infant School

North Baddesley Infant School (SO52 9EE)



Personal Best Education

Knights Enham Primary School (SP10 4BS)
The Mountbatten School (SO51 5SY)

Your Sports Education

Romsey Primary School (SO51 7PH)



Please keep an eye on the FISH website as it will be regularly updated with available HAF schemes.



Upcoming Picket Twenty events...



9³/₄ HARRY POTTER FAMILY QUIZ
Saturday 29th March
Doors open 5:30pm for a 6pm start
Picket Twenty Community centre
£10 entry per team of up to 6 players
Lots of Harry Potter themed prizes.
To register your team, please visit our website at www.pickettwenty.org.uk

PICKET TWENTY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION 20



EASTER CRAFTS & STORY TIME
Friday 18th April
1:45pm - 4pm
Rapunzel will be with us from 2pm - 3pm
Meet a very special Easter guest, enjoy story time with Rapunzel and then get creative with some Easter themed crafts!
This is a FREE event and no need to book!

PICKET TWENTY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION 20

Cleaning position

We have a position for a Cleaner, to join our wonderful existing team.

15 hours a week- 3.00pm till 6.00pm

Hourly rate £12.26.

Term time only, but will be required to attend INSET days (where relevant) and do deep cleans during the holiday period as and when needed. Hours will be agreed in advance for these deep cleans during the holiday periods.

Please contact the school office for more details.

Attendance

Glancing over our school attendance data, we want to say a HUGE thank-you to all the 251 children who have managed to have attendance over 95% so far this year. WE have 228 children who have an attendance of 96% or above and a **golden 35 pupils** who are on **100% attendance**.

If you require any support with routines or wish to discuss any barriers that you need help with to improve your mornings please do get in touch with me on familysupport@pilgrims�ross.co.uk and I will be very happy to chat – Mrs Hathaway

Safeguarding- scooters & bikes

Please do NOT let your children scoot through the school grounds- they need to walk their scooters & bikes round to the scooter store at the back of the grounds. We had one scooter stolen from the front of school this week- you leave them there at your own risk.

Key dates

- Monday 31st March – Year 5 Class Celebration @ 8.45am and Year 2 Class Celebration @ 2.15pm
- Tuesday 1st April – Year 4 Class Celebration @ 8.45am and Year 1 Class Celebration @ 2.15pm
- Wednesday 2nd April – Year R Class Celebration @ 2.15pm

- Thursday 3rd April – Year 6 Class Celebration @ 8.45am and Year 3 Class Celebration @ 2.15pm
- Friday 4th April- Crazy hair & non-uniform day
- Saturday 17th May- Spring Fair
- Monday 19th May – Year 6 parent/carer Hooke Court Information session, 5pm
- Friday 23rd May- House Colour non-uniform day (wear your House colour all over!)
- w/b Monday 16th June- Thursday 19th June-Year 6 residential, Hooke Court
- Friday 11th July- Year 6 leavers' disco
- Monday 14th July – Year 6 Graduation @ The Lights
- Monday 21st July – Year 6 Leavers Worship – 1.45pm
- Tuesday 22nd July- non-uniform Hawaiian summer day

Please check out our website calendar for all relevant dates:

<https://www.pilgrimscross.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8&pid=8&viewid=1>